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FRESHMEN

We, the staff of The Ohio State Engineer, dedicate this first issue to you; it is our contribution to your introduction and welcome to the campus. You should be better acquainted with our campus than previous freshman classes because of the thorough, systematic training you received during Freshman Week; but you will note in this book the words of welcome and advice, from the men in charge of the various engineering departments, that are sincerely given to you with the hope that they may help you to solve some of the problems that will confront you, not alone while you are here but also after you leave college.

You will find the training necessary for the engineering profession is long and difficult, but the profession is certainly a noble one, and if you are sincere you will soon realize that the field is unlimited. Civilization is dependent on the engineer but the competition is becoming greater due to the increasing number of people entering the profession, so it is evident that only those who are willing to apply themselves diligently can ever hope to advance as we all hope to.

You have undertaken a big job by choosing an engineering career; accept our best wishes for your success.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

What shall they be? Some choose shows, dances, dates alone while others choose campus society work, campus politics, or work on a campus publication. Others mix their activities a bit, choosing some from each of the groups named. We have heard discussion pro and con in each case, but there must be a medium schedule that will automatically broaden out the average American college student.

There is no justification for anyone's placing any extra-curricular work ahead of his duty to his studies. We are here to carry on with our courses as laid out by learned men who are much better qualified to choose our courses in the various curricula than we are; but while we are here, we should attain as broad an education as we can, and we can help ourselves if we are able to find the time to engage in some beneficial extra work.

This may mean that we must stay up a little later at night to prepare our scheduled classroom work, but most of us do not object to this if we have been out to a show or dance. Why not apply this same reasoning to other work? Regardless of how much has been said to the contrary by the skeptical element, it is a fact backed by statistics that a greater percentage of those who

make good records in school become successful than those who merely slide under the wire. If you have been a good student you have completed a big job in a creditable manner. This may give you the chance at a golden opportunity in place of the poor or mediocre student. It is only natural to expect such a condition.

Then the case may arise of two persons who have made practically the same records as far as regular work is concerned but one has taken an active part in campus affairs while the other has been content to do the work required and feel satisfied. The first has proven that he is not afraid to work, and has proven that he can associate amiably with other people. The second may have as much latent ability but it seems that he lacks initiative—a quality essential to the modern business man.

Although courses in every college on the campus require hard work, we should be sure that we are not overlooking opportunities now that we will regret later on. While we are here obtaining a college education we should make that education as broad as possible.

HERBERT HOOVER

The coming presidential election presents a situation new in American history in that it is the first time that a man thoroughly and fundamentally trained in the engineering profession will be a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. Our candidates have been, as a rule, politicians, with the exception of a few military leaders; but this year voters will have the opportunity to consider Herbert Hoover, an engineer of unusual attainments and of great executive ability.

Since his graduation from Leland Stanford University, Hoover's engineering activities have taken him practically all over the world. He first proved his ability as an engineer and administrator while developing natural mineral resources in Mexico, Nicaragua, Russia, South Africa, and China. He was a successful business man before he entered national and international affairs.

His first introduction to the American people came during the World War when he was called upon to direct the Belgian Relief work and later to distribute food supplies for the Allied Powers. It is not necessary to elaborate on his war record because it must still be remembered by all of us.

More recently, as Secretary of Commerce, he supervised the work in connection with the Mississippi flood problem, organized a system of control for radio broadcasting and in general elevated the Department of Commerce from a mere name to one of the most important departments of the President's Cabinet. His marked ability to solve the nation's commercial problems is apparent in his work with the Department of Commerce since 1921.

Herbert Hoover is, indeed, worthy of serious consideration as a presidential candidate. He is a man who is used to doing things on a large scale.

His power of analysis and ability to reach a solution, the outstanding characteristics of a good engineer, are requisites for any executive position.



PROF. WM. D. TURNBULL

OUR JUNIOR DEAN

Equal rights and equal opportunities—the slogan of feminists a few years ago—have, beginning this year, been accorded to members of the freshman and sophomore classes of the College of Engineering.

This cryptic statement may be explained by saying that William Davis Turnbull has been promoted from the position of Professor of Engineering Drawing to that of Junior Dean of the College of Engineering. This means that his assistance in solving some of life's problems, his sympathy, his sane and witty outlook on life will be available to a much larger number of the students than when his range was restricted to those in his own classes.

An engineer himself, Mr. Turnbull can approach the problems of the student engineer from personal experience. He began his engineering training, as many boys do, carrying the chain and rod for local surveyors in his native town of Iron-ton. After his graduation from the Ohio State University in 1908 with the degree of Civil Engineer, he was, for a time, engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1910 Mr. Turnbull became an instructor in Engineering Drawing at Ohio State, and has been a member of that department since that time. For the past five years, he has been Secretary of the College of Engineering.

As Junior Dean, Mr. Turnbull may be consulted by all the freshman and sophomore students in the College of Engineering. The choice of a career, what branch of Engineering to choose, individual and personal problems may be discussed with him frankly and confidentially. He is friendly. He is kind. He is sympathetic. And, best of all, he has a fund of kindly humor, a shrewd and droll outlook on life which makes him see the problems and perplexities and wants of student existence in their true perspective.

Meet the Junior Dean, get acquainted with him. You will enjoy knowing Mr. Turnbull, and he will welcome your friendship.